

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

19th April, 2023

A Council meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday, 19th April which was live streamed and recorded.

Present

The Mayor (Councillor J. Clarke)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor M. Walsh)

Councillors R. Baxter-Payne, D. Brown, C. Cape, T. Cooper, J. Coventry-Moreton, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, L. Downs, K. Evans, C. Golby, M. Green, J. Gutteridge, B. Hammersley, S. Harbison, J. Kennaugh, K. Kondakor, S. Markham, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, N. Phillips, J. Sheppard, T. Sheppard, E. Shiers, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, R. Tromans, C. Watkins, K. Wilson, and M. Wright.

Apologies were received for Councillors B. Beetham and T. Sheppard.

CL72 **Minutes**

Councillor Wilson moved that the minutes of 13th February 2023 be amended to include the Cabinet resolution of the budget line items that were passed by Cabinet be read into the Council minutes as the approved budget for 2023-24. This was seconded by Councillor Golby.

RESOLVED that subject to the amendment moved by Councillor Wilson, the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 13th February 2023, and the two Extraordinary Meetings held on 29th March 2023 were confirmed, and signed by the Mayor.

CL72 **Declarations of Interests**

Councillor Downs declared is a Co-Director of Little Caesar's Donuts and holds a contract for a market pitch with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.

Councillor Evans declared that he no longer works for the UK Parliament and now works for the Local Government Association of which the Council is a member.

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes with the amendments as set out above.

CL73 **Announcements**

The Mayor presented Josie Moore, Ray Moore, Roy Moore, Lella Gascoigne and Merv Lawrence with the Mayor's Awards for Communities for their work with the Mayor's Appeal throughout this year.

The Mayor also announced that he had received a thank you letter from Dave Leach following his award of Freeman of the Borough, and noted that all Councillors would be welcome to view this.

CL74 **Public Participation**

Question 1 – Mrs Michele Kondakor asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services.

As a regular visitor, I view Nuneaton's Museum and Art Gallery as a massive asset to the Borough. It was very disappointing to see that it was closed over part of the Easter weekend; the reason given, being staff shortages. There have also been rumours on social media that the Museum will be closed for a year, whilst the extension is built. I hope this is not true. Please would the Portfolio holder clarify the situation regarding staffing and opening hours and confirm that the Museum will not be closed entirely during the building works for the extension?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

Thank you for your question. The operational delivery and opening times at the Museum are actually under review, following the Council budget setting process, which included a reduction of staff to open the building and deliver its programme of activity. Whilst this process is happening, despite the best efforts of the team, it is not always able to manage to open the museum fully.

In relation to the future extension and refurbishment of the Museum and Art Gallery, in order to achieve the works, the building will be closed for a period of time, which has not yet been confirmed. The development will include, not only putting up two new extensions, but extensive works to the ground floor including replacing mechanical and electrical equipment, as well as works to the roof. For the safety of visitors, staff, contractors and the precious collections the museum cares for, it will not be possible to be open to the public during the construction period.

We are however, looking at the feasibility to have certain activities of the museum, such as the readings, at a different location.

Question 2 – Mr Sam Margrave asked the following question to the Leader of the Council.

Thank you Mr Mayor. I along with many residents, am concerned about the condition of our roads, street signs and street furniture in Bedworth and Nuneaton, including some parts of our town centres. For example the Griff Roundabout, Donnithorne Avenue in Nuneaton and George Street in Bedworth.

While this is in many respects a matter for the Conservative run County Council, its an issue that really concerns people in our Borough and it deserves to be raised in this Chamber on behalf of local people. We need action from the Borough Council who used to run the highways and repair our roads when they were in charge.

As a driver I've noticed the roads being left in an increasingly poor condition, and have myself had to have my wheels balanced or replaced because of the impact of pot holes. This situation can't continue. Our roads and pavements here in Nuneaton and Bedworth seem to be deteriorating and while I appreciate we've had difficult weather or increased movement of heavy goods vehicles due to housing developments, it's no excuse.

For years now roads have been left or filled in poorly, only to have the problem again days later and often issues aren't addressed when reported. When I travelled to the south of the County, I noticed that the roads there seemed in a much better condition than here. Nuneaton and Bedworth always seem to lose out to Warwickshire. That is why I have launched a petition at change.org/potholepetition to fix our roads in Nuneaton and Bedworth.

I am asking for the two Councils in our area to create a task force to tackle head on the issue of pot holes and to replace or fix and clean road signs or street furniture in our Borough. That means undertaking a review to see why the North of the County is so poorly served and to take action to fill in pot holes, to make our Borough the clean, tidy and pleasant place it once was.

Will the Leader of the Council support this campaign and write to the leader of the Tory run County Council in Warwick to express concerns about the state of local roads and footpaths?

The Leader of the Council, Councillor K. Wilson, gave the following response:

It's pleasing to see that Mr Margrave has returned to more local issues, since he had a little sojourn off bashing the Bishops. But he knows that he's answered part of his question already, because indeed he quite rightly identified that this is a County council issue and not something which we as a Borough Council have any control over. He is harking back to the 70's and possibly the 80's in terms of when this Authority had any responsibility for roads. Indeed we used to have education and health responsibilities in the dim and distant past and we no longer have them. Whilst personally I would love to see them return to the Borough Council we are where we are and local government in my view doesn't need any further reorganisation in Warwickshire.

He also partly identifies some of the problem as well in terms of the weather. It doesn't take a genius to work out Mr Mayor, that we have had a very wet, wet winter and it has continued to be wet. That means that when the water does actually get into the roads and they freeze, the ice when it expands forces the tarmac to then expand and cause cracks, that is simple physics Mr Mayor not something which is a political issue.

Also, whilst residents might not appreciate this, there is also the Covid impact that we have to factor in during the two years of Covid that we had. Whilst it may seem a long time ago, there were works which were actually programmed in during the two years that we had Covid, most of which had to be delayed and rescheduled and reprofiled into further years, on top of the existing maintenance which will have already been needed for the post-Covid years. So we are in a situation not of our making and not of our control and I don't blame my colleagues in the south of the county at Shire Hall for that. Indeed, I happen to know that a number of the County Councillors, certainly on this side of the chamber, are most vociferous in terms of their representations regarding the state of our roads where it happens to happen, and I've been given a list just for May 2023 of the works being conducted in Nuneaton and Bedworth. There are works scheduled on Woodlands Lane and Woodlands Road in Bedworth, there's also work on Bedworth Lane in Bedworth. There is work on Exall Road and New Road in Kearsley and indeed Milby Drive in Weddington which we all know has needed works for years despite the previous County Councillor. I've also been passed some works in just one particular area of the of the Borough, courtesy of Councillor Markham which I thanked her for, about the works plan for her patch and some other patches actually, which include the entire carriageway of the A444 being redone during this financial year, a footpath being done in Newtown Road and some and the other works that I mentioned earlier.

In addition, Mr Margrave may be interested to know, I don't know whether it's been delivered around his neck of the woods yet, but we have, as many residents will know, the Local Rock which gets delivered through a number of households in the east of Nuneaton certainly. And there is an article in here, if I just find it, that says that as part of the spring budget a further 2.8 million pounds has been allocated to the County Council for pothole repairs. I do not believe it is a unique situation to Nuneaton and Bedworth. Indeed I have to travel to the south of the County at least weekly as part of my day job. Believe it or not, not all politicians in this Chamber are full-time politicians, we are normal and have day jobs, and when I have to go to the south of the County, actually there are a number of issues going on there too. Indeed Mr Mayor, part of the problem that I see on Facebook, half of the time with social media is people complaining that road works are going on and causing traffic issues. So you can't win if you do Mr Mayor, and you can't win if you don't.

In respect of the campaign that Mr Margrave is raising, we all know it is a pseudo campaign designed towards his new Bedworth Independence Party even though he lives in Attleborough, so nothing to do with Bedworth. And I will not sign up to his new political campaign, or support anyone who happens

to have the view and this is a quote Mr Mayor, not mine, this is a quote that "Pride (i.e. Gay Pride,) Mr Mayor is the nation's next Jimmy Savile." That was posted on Mr Margrave's Twitter on the 20th of June 2022. We will not align ourselves as a Council or any of that.

The Mayor asked those in the public gallery to be quiet and warned the meeting would be suspended.

Mr Sam Margrave asked the following supplementary question:

Thank you Mr Mayor. Councillor Wilson acknowledges there is a problem. This isn't political, in fact none of this has been political, what this is about is building a better Borough and getting something done for our community. So I would ask the Leader of the Council whether he would look to ask for the OSP, or a Council Committee, just to look at the quality of our roads and for the Borough Council to write to the County Council to ask more to be done, so that that money that he mentions comes to Nuneaton and Bedworth because there is a problem with our roads, and this place is meant to be a voice for local people on all issues.

I would also finally ask Mr Mayor just for an apology for the abuse and the Punch and Judy politics from the Leader of the Opposition who's very abusive whenever I come here and I'm a resident.

The Leader of the Council responded:

Thank you Mr Mayor, because I would start off by saying there is a reason why I'm a Councillor and he is a Mister. Even the Labour party couldn't stand him as a Councillor which is why he is no longer one. I think that says something.

The Mayor suspended/adjourned the meeting at 18:31 until 18:41.

Thank you Mr Mayor. The simple answer is no, I have no powers to direct the OSP's here to do anything as a Member of the Cabinet, but also it does not fall within any of the OSP's remit or responsibility, it sits with the County Council. If anyone wishes to raise it with the County Council they can email their Democratic Services and ask for it to be raised through their channels.

Councillor Kondakor then asked:

Mr Mayor, I'd like this matter referred to a Scrutiny Committee so it can be debated in a civilised manner. We've got lots of issues and we're getting only four resurfacings in Nuneaton, where Rugby is getting ten, so I do think this needs to be discussed properly in a civilised manner. So I use the Constitution, and I can ask for this matter to go to a Scrutiny Panel Mr Mayor.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Wright. A vote was taken. The motion was lost.

Question 3 – Ms Nikki Smith submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services.

Our goal at Bedworth Civic Hall CIC is to save the Civic Hall and Arts Centre, to ensure it remains in community ownership, run by and for local people.

What will the criteria be to decide who is, as Councillor Wilson said at the cabinet meeting of the 12th April, “the best bid” and will there be a requirement for all bidders to provide the same level of Community use that was previously provided at the Civic Hall and Arts Centre to maintain a vital service for Bedworth, Bulkington and our whole Borough.

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

Thank you for your question. The criteria for the next stage of the process will be provided to relevant parties in the near future. This will include information, to ensure that the facility can be managed & operated, within accordance of a venue of this size and complexity, and also be financially sustainable. It will be third parties' decisions as to what they commit to for outcomes around Community Use, Private shows, and other entertainment delivery, but ultimately it will need to be financially viable for the medium/long-term operation by a partner.

Question 4 – Mr Rob Batterbee submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services.

This question also relates to the Civic Hall. The Council asked for Expressions of Interest from those who will run all the services that take place at the Civic Hall and Arts Centre including Community uses. You asked us to provide the existing service.

The Civic Hall and Arts Centre is a themed community centre catering to a wide variety of culture based community groups. The update doesn't mention the Arts Centre or other space. Will this be included in any lease arrangements?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

Thank you for your question. The Cabinet report of 12th April mentioned the 'Venue' – this includes all spaces within the Civic Hall building, including the space previously used by the Arts Centre. To be clear, based on a point raised in your question - the Council have never specified that the existing service must be provided within the Venue, only that during the EOI process, a plan for the potential viable operation of the Civic Hall building, with no financial contribution from the Borough Council be provided.

Question 5 – Ms Rachel Hardy submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services.

The Cabinet recently decided to pursue a lease option for the Civic Hall.

Will the lease be offered, if a community group takes it on, at a Peppercorn rent lease and with a lease longer than 15 years as with Nuneaton's Abbey Theatre and in line with the requirements of the Community Ownership Fund so the Bedworth community volunteers get as good a deal as Nuneaton when it comes to taking on a Council asset, and if not, why is a peppercorn rent or long lease good enough for a Nuneaton Theatre for the community to run the venue but not for a Bedworth Community Group to run the Civic Hall?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

Thank you for your question. The council has numerous lease agreements with different people/organisations, and they are not all the same.

The Abbey Theatre does not have an up-to-date lease because Labour failed to renew it 12 years ago and we are currently in discussions and looking to renew it for them. The appropriate level of rent, peppercorn or otherwise, will be informed by the nature and condition of the property and the wider Legislative, Policy and/or financial benefits and issues. As stated at Cabinet on 18th April each applicant will negotiate both rents and length of lease, therefore the details of the terms of the lease will be provided during the lease process, and through negotiations with the successful applicant at that stage.

Question 6 – Mr Paul Hardy submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services.

Bedworth Civic Hall CIC has received no timetable for the EOI or procurement process despite the Localism Act guidance expecting this to be provided. I am worried that unreasonable pressure will be put on local volunteers, not giving a fair chance to put forward the best bid.

The Council has delayed things, meaning we haven't even been able to apply for an awards for all bid to help write our business plan. We haven't been allowed in to look at the condition of the building. We had nearly three months to develop and submit an EOI, which it now seems wasn't assessed as the documentation said it will be.

We are volunteers trying to do right by our community and it would be wrong if the Council demand a response in a matter of weeks or a few months. This needs to be a fair process with a reasonable amount of time for residents to respond.

Will the Council give bidders a longer time to get support in place for a community group and to write a business plan / viability study?

The Portfolio Holder for Public Services, Councillor S. Markham, provided the following written response:

Thank you for your question. The Council have not delayed the process, but must follow the required timetable for approval of decisions, and therefore have a formal process to follow. The expression of interest process as identified on the portal, had a purpose to seek the views of the local community, arts organisations, and potential venue operators to help understand if there were viable options for the Venue, and therefore for the Council to understand if there was a need to move forward to a formal process. The formal process is what was approved at Cabinet on 12th April 2023 based on EOIs received. The criteria for the next stage of the process will be provided to relevant parties in the near future. This will include information, to ensure that the facility can be managed & operated within accordance of a venue of this size and complexity, and also be financially sustainable, this stage will include a site visit.

Question 7 – Mr Steve Young submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services.

Last year the Council said "The EOIs will be evaluated by a panel of NBBC officers (and may seek some external professional advice, TBC) and assessment guidelines have been shared under supporting documents' '.

However we are now told there has been "no assessments, evaluation, or criteria for awarding points" to decide on who goes through to the next stage and both bids are being put through, in the Words of the Leader of the Council, so "neither party can claim foul that their bid has been rejected at this stage".

That isn't the process we were told would be undertaken to decide who would get through the EOI process. The Council seem to be changing to goal posts and despite previously committing to a third sector bid are now allowing a private business to apply.

Can the Leader of the Council explain why there has been no assessment of the EOIs and publish how the criteria was met by those who submitted an expression of interest?

The Portfolio Holder for Public Services, Councillor S. Markham, provided the following written response:

Thank you for your question. As stated within the 'Expression of Interest Requirements – Evaluation' document shared during the EOI process, 'The Borough Council is only allowed to base its decision on whether to accept, accept with modification or reject an expression of interest on the information requested in the Questionnaire'. In the guidance documentation it clearly stated the grounds whereby an expression of interest may be rejected. This is the guidance that Officers have followed throughout the EOI process.

Question 8 – Mr Alan Baxter asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate.

Back in financial year 2013/2014 the grant given to Nuneaton And Bedworth Borough Council by H.M. Government was almost five million pounds. Now, a decade later it is zero. Cut by Conservative "austerity".

In the intervening time, across the Borough, we have seen public loos demolished and flower-beds removed. We have been told we cannot afford a Civic Hall or Community Centres, education and outreach programs have been cut, Britain in Bloom is a thing of memory. The Town Centre is a mess.

What action has this Council taken to Lobby Marcus Jones M.P, our Conservative M.P. and H.M. Government to highlight the damage and limitation of opportunity these austerity cuts are doing to Boroughs like our own and what response has been given?

Councillor S. Croft, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate, responded as follows:

Thank you, before going any further I must begin by rejecting the premise of the question.

Mr Baxter refers to the Government grant to this Council reducing from just shy of five million to zero today, but what he does not refer to or specify is that that nearly five million in 2013/14 referred to two specific grants the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and the Local Council Tax Support Grant (LCTSG), which we now no longer receive.

Since then, the way in which Government funds local councils has changed.

Instead of RSG and LCTSG, we now receive the New Homes Bonus, (£1.3 million in 2023-24) and the Lower Tier Services Grant (£143,000 in 23-24) which are our unallocated core funding grants.

We also receive other grants from the Government earmarked for more specific items such as £200,000 for homelessness support, £80,000 for New Burdens Funding, £600,000 Benefits Admin Grant, £250,000 in Discretionary Housing payment.

In addition, as the RSG wound down, the Government adjusted our formula for the retention of business rates so that in 23-24 we will retain nearly £2 million more from NNDR income than we did a decade ago. This does not include the grants we have received out of government for capital funding which I will come on to shortly.

So Mr Mayor while the model of our funding has changed, central Government financing of local authorities is now based much more on KPIs

and earmarks, but the suggestion that our level of grant from the Government is now zero is not true.

Of course Mr Mayor, it is true that our unallocated funding has decreased. This is in part due to growth in our cost base and the inflationary situation that I outlined on budget night in February, but also there is the inescapable fact that as a country we have been living beyond our means for far too long.

This country has had a budget deficit in its national finances for over 20 years, in 2010 it was 10% of GDP.

You cannot go on borrowing that and you cannot go on buying more in the world than you're producing and selling. The idea that the Government can play Santa Clause is now long gone, so over the last 13 years there have been absolutely necessary corrections in Government expenditure. What Mr Baxter calls "Conservative Austerity" I call "the economic facts of life".

Everyone who works and makes their own way in life knows that you have to make ends meet, you have to balance spending with earnings, and if you take on any debt it should be for assets and investments that will bring a return, not on day to say spending.

They understand the old truths that the world does not owe us a living. This applies to countries and councils as much as to people. That is why we have reviewed, and are reviewing, every service we provide to ensure we are only focusing on those essential services which we alone as an authority can provide leadership on.

We must retrench into our core business areas, such as regeneration, sanitation and refuse, economic development, housing, and the homelessness support I referred to a moment ago. In an age of economic realism and hardship the choice between Britain in Bloom and housing the homeless is no choice at all.

Finally, Mr Baxter's question referred to lobbying Marcus Jones, our MP here in Nuneaton. Now Mr Mayor, it would be inappropriate for me to reveal the details of private conversations, and I'm not going to do that. What I will say is that we make representations to the national Government in advance of every budget setting process, and that Marcus has been a tireless voice within Parliament within the national administration for funding for Nuneaton.

Marcus's lobbying and interventions have helped us secure the £23.2 million from the Towns Fund, £13 million from the Future High Streets Fund, £4 million from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, and assisted in winning the £15 million from the Levelling-Up Fund for Bedworth leisure centre. All in all, he has won £46 million funding for Nuneaton alone in the past few years. Not to mention the areas that don't even concern this Council, so he has helped us get funding for the new primary and secondary schools that are opening up in the north and the east of Nuneaton.

Now you will notice Mr Mayor that these figures are considerably higher than the £5 million referred to in Mr Baxter's question, that is because this Government is committed to investing in capital projects that will have long term return, rather than short term general spending. And of course Mr Mayor, as these programmes bear fruit, they will assist our budget position by growing our local economy and increasing our business rate income.

So, Mr Mayor, I reject the premise of the question, we are still funded by the Government, on a much more economically realist grounds.

With that support from Government, the support of Marcus Jones MP, and the leadership of this administration, we will fulfil our programme of transformation in this council and our programme of regeneration and development in this borough, and we will restore that economic opportunity and civic pride which was referred to in the question.

Mr Alan Baxter asked the following supplementary question:

Would you say the current economic position of the Council is weaker or stronger than in 2013 or 14?

Councillor Croft responded to the supplementary question as follows:

I refer him to the budget speech I gave in February which set out at great length the inflationary pressures we have faced Mr Mayor.

CL75 **Questions by Members**

Question 1 – Councillor Kyle Evans asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities:

Can I ask the Deputy Leader of the Council what steps the Council is taking to improve home insulation in the social housing stock to support the most vulnerable residents in our Borough?

Councillor C. Golby, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, responded as follows:

Thank you for the question, it gives me the opportunity to sing the praises of the teams who are dealing with quite a lot at the moment.

The Council has taken a number of steps to improve home insulation for our social housing stock. My team have so far insulated 414 homes with external wall insulation and are predicted to insulate a further 191 homes by March 2025.

External wall insulation not only keeps out the cold also reduces something called 'cold bridging' which I have spoken about in the Chamber before, and this can have the added effect of causing damp and mould in our properties, if

they are not sufficiently ventilated by our tenants which does happen sometimes. We are targeting the worst insulated properties, to maximise the benefit to our residents.

In relation to topping up of loft insulation this is captured within the Council's roofing programme on an annual basis. We also have ad hoc requests for roofing insulation top ups from tenants and these go through the normal Capital Projects route, who will survey to check if the insulation is up to decent homes standard and if not will take the appropriate action. We also do proactive condition surveys too and these will be carried out by an external contractor.

The level of insulation within the loft will be picked up when these surveys are completed, together with other elements that we need to understand the overall condition of our properties. This is going to happen across our estates, and so we need to get a good picture of what we've got, where we've got it and what we need to do.

So the undertaking of the conditions surveys is to be completed by December 2023. The aim is to understand what we've got, where we've got it and the level of investment we need for our Council housing stock over a longer period of time. So I'm not looking just at the short term fix, we're actually looking at a longer term period as well so 5, 10, 15, 20 years.

The level of insulation will be one important factor to be considered within this.

Currently, the total investment that we've got covering my tenure, and up to 2025, will be more than £13.5 million pounds for all of this.

This will result in over 600 homes being improved once the project has been completed. But insulating these houses alone is not enough. This figure also includes additional measures such as replacement doors, windows, and where necessary boilers. So we're looking at the whole piece.

And just because there will be criticism about the boilers, clearly, the race to achieve carbon neutrality and Net Zero is not the priority of the most vulnerable people who we deal with. Actually having a safe, warm home is, so that's what we're concentrating on.

The aim is primarily to provide that for residents, and an unintended consequence of that is actually the reduction of fuel poverty, which is pounds in people's pockets which is another driver for doing all this, and then carbon Net Zero will follow as a consequence of all the other stuff that we do.

Question 2 – Councillor Emma Shiers asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities :

The grant awarded by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Camp Hill to install measures to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour, including lighting and CCTV Cameras. Can you confirm who will have overall responsibility to monitor and maintain the cameras and lights, and will the lighting remain on throughout the night? Thank you.

Councillor C. Golby, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, responded as follows:

Thank you Councillor Shiers, this gives me the opportunity to again remind people of the good work my teams are doing. So, the Communities Team applied for 'Safer Streets funding' from the PCC's Office and we were successful in this bid and were awarded £130,000. That was to do projects in the Camp Hill area which will include:

- Improving entrances and site with hardening to slow or deter motorbikes which I know is an issue in the area, we've had many discussions about that;
- to enhance entrances for pedestrians and the disabled residents where possible;
- adding missing bits of path and adding new metal trip rail;
- repairing existing stretches of trip rail or and removing obsolete trip rail.

And yes, there will be lighting and CCTV as part of this project. So the lampposts that have got CCTV cameras on will be on all night and the other lights will be on the usual timing frame that we've got until we've gone through the process with the County, to add it on to all the other stuff that's going on in Camp Hill with regards to lights. Not all the lights go off in Camp Hill, we don't turn the lights off wholesale.

The cameras will be monitored and maintained in exactly the same way as all the other cameras that we monitor and maintain. It will be done in conjunction with the Police, and they will have access as and when required.

Councillor Shiers asked the following supplementary question:

Thank you for that. You mentioned timings, can I ask specifically with regards timings for The Dingle and Stubbs area? As we know a lot of the antisocial behaviour occurs during the evenings and it's when its dark people are feeling particularly unsafe to walk about. Also, you say the cameras are going to be monitored in conjunction with the Police, has additional funding then been put in place to ensure that the resources are there to act on any anti-social behaviour that's occurring, or ensure that we have the service there to ensure everything is monitored correctly.

Councillor Golby responded to the supplementary question as follows:

So, the timings will be, when the lights first go on we have to put them on as per the timings that the County control, we then apply to have the lights put on. Yes I agree with the anti-social behaviour and everything else, however,

as I've just pointed out Camp Hill has the lights on and it's the highest crime area that we've got in Nuneaton. So maybe turning the lights off may deter people from ASB, rather than allow them to safe space to commit ASB. We've got evidence that in other areas where the lights have gone off ASB has dropped, so its potentially the wrong thing to do maybe. But we don't control the timings of the lights, we put them in and the County then control them, but there is a process to then get the County to add them on to the same schedule as all the rest of Camp Hill.

As far as the monitoring and maintaining, that's just in addition to what we're doing. I can't tell you whether operationally the Police have got extra people to respond if there is an incident in Camp Hill at any given time, because that's operational Police stuff. I can't tell you that, you could probably take it up with them, but I think we all know that the areas where these cameras are going in, are hotspots for ASB anyway. So its in addition to what's already going on not instead of something else, somewhere else.

Question 3 – Councillor Keith Kondakor asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation :

Over the last decade we have major housing developments completed in Weddington and St Nicolas Wards that have yet to have the open spaces and play areas adopted by this Borough Council. Some of this was initially due to developers but it seems that this council has not had the capacity to chase up the process over the last few years. For open spaces, the adoption process includes a 12 month handover period. Can the Cabinet Member for planning explain when the Planning Department will be able to coordinate the start of the developer's adoption hand-over period for Davidson's Church Fields, Taylor Wimpey's Lower Farm (both off Weddington Road) and the first phase of Bellway off The Long Shoot? Thank you.

Councillor R. Smith, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation, responded as follows:

Thank you Mr Mayor, and thank you Councillor Kondakor for the question. This issue that you raise is an important one, and your concerns are shared by myself and the other Ward Members for Weddington and Saint Nicholas. That area has seen an unprecedented amount of development over recent years, and its right to expect that open spaces and play areas are adopted and maintained by the Council at the earliest opportunity, for the benefits of the many new and existing residents. Historically, there's been no fixed time scale set for the adoption of these areas, and typically this would rely on the developer preparing the sites to a standard acceptable to the Council, that complies with the original drawings and terms, and they need to pass a Council inspection before they can be adopted. It would be wrong for this Council to accept maintenance of any area that does not meet the agreed standards, and may burden the taxpayer with unnecessary costs for maintenance and repairs. Enforcement in this area has been difficult because of ongoing capacity problems in the team, due to unfilled vacancies However, this will be resolved in the next couple of weeks with vacancies filled and an

Enforcement Team back to capacity. To support the potential enforcement, there's some work to do tightening the system, and I have asked Officers to review section 106 trigger points to focus developers on the need to deliver these open spaces and play areas earlier in the process, and provide us with an enforceable timeline, should they fall short. With regards to the specific issues in your question around Davidson's Church Fields, Taylor Wimpey's Lower Farm and the first phase of Bellway off The Long Shoot, these are all at various stages of completion and whilst I won't go into detail now, I have asked Officers to set up a briefing session both for yourself and the other Ward Councillors for the area so you can better understand the detail and ask any questions you may have at that point.

Councillor Kondakor asked the following supplementary question:

Thank you very much for your answer, because obviously this is going to be a bigger problem, and they're the very first three developments we've had in the Borough. Can we have a date, and almost like have a KPI, because some of these things have been going on for years, so it will be useful if your Officers, if we could, Councillor Smith, have a KPI of how long it is after the development's finished before the open space is developed, thank you.

Councillor Smith responded to the supplementary question:

That will be included in the briefing. I've asked them to look at this, get all the specifics from the developers and give you an exact position of where we're at, what the hurdles might be, and when we might get some resolution.

Question 4 – Councillor Damon Brown asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities:

At the Cabinet meeting on the 8th of March this year, Cllr Kondakor claimed the housing teams are failing to do maintenance jobs on and around our estates. He claimed that the Council has stopped the estate walkabouts, which I know is not the case as I've been on some myself recently, and that "grounds maintenance is virtually non-existent" in lots of places in his ward. He also said "The maintenance is really appalling" and then went in to claim he was at Carisbrook Road where nothing had been done and a bag of fly tipping had been left for 3 years.

Can Cllr Golby please advise us, are these claim's correct?

Councillor C. Golby, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, responded as follows:

Thank you Council Brown, and to put it in a concise sentence, no, these claims are nowhere near correct.

So firstly I'll address the point of estate walkabouts. Estate walkabouts for

for those that don't know, are when Officers would literally walk around housing Estates. Good use of time? probably not, so they were stopped. But not by me, they were stopped by the pandemic. Plus, when we did do them, hardly anybody turned up, so you know, they were time consuming and proved a little value. Sometimes the staff were out for hours walking miles around areas with few issues, so we, under my tenure, decided to do things a little bit differently. We examined where we get most of our complaints from, and we're targeting regular visits to these places. Far more efficient, and we're getting much better results. We also have a focused program of block inspections, which involves Tenancy Management Officers fully inspecting all their blocks of flats on a monthly basis. These are quantifiably where we receive most of our complaints from. We've got items left in communal areas, fly tipping, anti-social behaviour, all of that sort of thing. The block inspections also double down on fire safety, because we all know fire safety is quite important.

So this new approach not only ensures we meet our responsibilities as a landlord in terms of regulatory fire reforms, but it's also provided better and more meaningful presence on our estates as well as a fully accountable audit trail, should issues have been raised. Councillor Kondakor has been advised previously by my Housing Team, that we are carrying out monthly block inspections, the reasons why, and with the emphasis on the importance of fire safety.

We are looking at reintroducing estate walkabouts in the summer, but if we do we are likely to have a focus initially on the areas with high levels of ASB or estate issues because that is where the time is best spent. So despite this, my team have also offered Councillors walkabouts in their Ward. As Councillor Brown has just alluded to, he's been on one, even if they felt that there aren't any issues now. Councillor Kondakor has been offered estate walkabouts, and he actually attended one, so it's entirely wrong of him to say that we've cancelled them.

So now to address the claims, I mean it's ludicrous, so now how to address the claims that "grounds maintenance is virtually non-existent" in lots of places in his Ward and that the "maintenance is really appalling". Again, I had the Customer Service teams check for calls logged, and I've asked my teams to confirm if they had any direct communication with Councillor Kondakor relating to grounds maintenance issues. Do you want to guess, do you want to guess what the answer is? So it was a big fat no. So they've received nothing. In terms of grounds maintenance issues, Councillor Kondakor has been repeatedly advised he must log calls for the teams to respond to. Not only that but he has been repeatedly advised on the grounds maintenance programmes that we've got. So again to clarify on the public record, shrub bed maintenance is cutting top down once every five years or sooner, or if it's causing any major issues we will attend to things, and, cut back the sides, up to three times a year.

The works are generally brought forward if there is a risk of severe health and safety issues or nuisance, but no work is prioritised for aesthetic purposes.

So, to double check the claims made at Cabinet, my team went out and photographed the area which had been mentioned. There were no issues, shrubs are being well maintained and in one case scheduled for removal because they're causing a problem. We're already on it. The team also checked other housing areas in Weddington, just to, you know, get it all out there. Niton Road, Reg Hadden, the Chines, Carisbrooke Road and the bungalows, all sites are well within the grounds maintenance specification. But Cllr Kondakor already knows this, because there are no calls logged. The teams also received no further contact from Councillor Kondakor after they emailed him asking for clarification of the issues raised in March. So, going forward my team will not be attending any complaint Councillor Kondakor raises in this Chamber, unless it is logged through the correct process. That is the way we do things, and that is the way that my team's time is best spent.

He's publicly slated my staff for no reason, other than perhaps they work for me. He's demoralised and angered them, and done nothing more than wasted a lot of time and resource. This isn't the first time he stood in this Chamber either and criticised my staff unnecessarily on grounds maintenance. Once is a mistake, more than that could be seen as malicious, especially after all the advice he's already been given by Officers.

So if any of my team, or if the ground's maintenance team, want to put a formal standards complaint through on this matter I will happily support them. And in reference to the grab bag, it was supposedly left for three years on housing land. However, it wasn't housing land, it probably wasn't even left for three years either, because it was pretty clean when we went and had a look. I've got the pictures I'll send it to you. However, we did take steps to remove it, which after three years is more than failing Councillor Kondakor did. Thank you.

The Mayor suspended/adjourned the meeting at 19:19 until 19:29.

Question 5 – Councillor Brian Hammersley asked the following question to the Leader of the Council:

Does the leader welcome the fact that we have received £719,000 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and what does it mean to NBBC?

Councillor K. Wilson, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

Thank you Mr Mayor, and thank you very much to Councillor Hammersley for the question. Just to put the answer in some context, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund has allocated Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council just over £4m pounds for projects over three years, which we are now just, yes, we are now in year two of three of which £719, 000 pounds has been allocated in year three so that will be 2024-25 for Bedworth Town Centre. Work has already been, as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund commissioned to look at the viability of works on a possible replacement for the Bedworth indoor market, and that is part of the UK SPF funding

in this current year. The Consultants have already been commissioned, and they are looking at a couple of options, which include either repairing and upgrading the current indoor market, or whether there is a possibility of relocating the market to the core of the Town Centre in or around All Saints Square, which may include conversion of an existing building for use by small businesses or Market Traders, installation of new covered space with semi-permanent units for use by small businesses and Market Traders. Sort of like the startup units that we have now in the indoor market, and any other further options that could be identified to provide small businesses or Market Traders with the spaces that they need to trade in Bedworth. I think having £719,000 pounds out of £4m awarded to us is a fantastic achievement for Bedworth Town Centre, and recognition of the importance that we hold of the future and viability and prosperity of Bedworth Town Centre. I look forward to the results coming back to the council as to what the possible options will be for using that funding, and there will also be engagement at the relevant time with businesses and stakeholders in Bedworth Town Centre, and I've already had a conversation as part of the Bedworth Town Centre Partnership, with those who turned up about that and said that at the relevant time we could also go out to the Town Centre Partnership, and have that. But it is also part of a wider ambitious project, or projects I should say, across the Borough which will include works to our great parks, works to our community parks as well, and also looking at funding that can be provided for local businesses, to help them and stimulate the businesses within our Town Centres and the general Borough area.

Because that is precisely what we need Mr Mayor, to help grow our Borough in the right way. Where we have higher paid, better value jobs in the Borough, which will mean that there are people paying more into the Borough, spending more in the Borough and generally helping the whole economic ecosystem of our Town Centres. Also, it should be noted Mr Mayor, that part of the works that we've had done as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, can be seen in action if you just walk literally five minutes from this very Town Hall. You can see that the grotesque Lily Pad Fountain has been removed, and I have to say that the operatives who actually worked on that were outstanding Mr Mayor, because they have turned it around in a very short space of time. Indeed, a number of us went to The Artisan Market. Indeed, I believe Councillors Downs and Harbison were there trading, and Councillors Morton and Coventry-Morton came along for a visit, and Councillor Tromans. We actually saw the workers there that very day, on a Sunday, doing the block pavement, so if that is what we can do there with outstanding work, I am very hopeful for the future of Bedworth Town Centre, once we get the options evaluated and we know what the right direction is for the indoor market. Thank you very much Mr Mayor.

CL76 Cabinet

The Leader of the Council submitted the Leaders report on behalf of Cabinet. The report highlighted matters considered at the Cabinet meetings held on 8th March 2023 and 12th April 2023 and details of reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority Board (WMCAB), which has a direct impact on

NBBC, namely the WMCA Board meetings held on 10th February 2023 and 17th March 2023.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

CL77 **Timetable of meetings**

The Strategic Director – Finance & Governance submitted a report of the timetable of Committee meetings for the 2023-24 municipal year.

RESOLVED that the timetable of meetings be approved.

CL78 **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Reports**

The Chairs of the Business, Regeneration and Planning Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Finance and Public Service Overview and Scrutiny Panel and the Housing, Environment and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel submitted reports summarising the work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Panels in the 2022-23 municipal year.

RESOLVED that the contents of the reports be noted

CL79 **Recommendations from Cabinet and Other Committees**

i) **Capital Budget Monitoring**

At the meeting of Cabinet held on 8th March 2023 a report on the above was submitted by the Strategic Director – Finance & Governance was considered and a recommendation was then put forward to Council for approval. Councillor S. Croft proposed the recommendation for approval. This was seconded by Councillor C. Golby.

RESOLVED that the addition of five new project budgets on the General Fund as detailed in the report be noted and approved.

ii) **Pay Policy Statement**

At the meeting of the Employment Committee held on 15th March 2023 a report on the above was submitted by the Head of People and Culture was considered and a recommendation was then put forward to Council for approval. Councillor S. Croft proposed the recommendation for approval. This was seconded by Councillor D. Brown.

RESOLVED that the Pay Policy be ratified and published as required by Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011.

iii) **Overview and Scrutiny Guide**

The Overview and Scrutiny Guide was submitted to the Business, Regeneration & Planning OSP, the Finance & Public Service OSP and Housing, Environment & Health OSP for review and consideration and a recommendation was then put forward to Council for approval. Councillor M. Walsh proposed the recommendation for approval. This was seconded by Councillor K. Evans.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Overview and Scrutiny Guide be approved; and
- b) The Council's Constitution be amended accordingly to include the Overview and Scrutiny Guide

Mayor

Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2022/2023

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	R. Baxter-Payne	Manager Brinklow Quarry Ltd, Brinklow; County Councillor - WCC	Spouse: Self-employed childminder Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee • Warwickshire Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (substitute) 	
	B. Beetham	Employed at The George Eliot Hospital; Warwickshire County Council – Camp Hill	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
	D. Brown	Employed by H.M Land Registry	Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhall Education Foundation (Council appointment). 	
	C. Cape	Director of Capability Coaching and Consultancy Ltd.	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Forces Covenant Meeting 	

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	J. Clarke	Employed by Marcus Jones MP	County Councillor W.C.C. Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman Officer of the Abbey Preceptory No.541 - Nuneaton Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton Festival of Arts 	
	T. Cooper	None	Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
	J. Coventry-Moreton	School Receptionist – St Nicholas Chamberlaine School, Bedworth	Share in rental dwelling at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresilian Road, Bedworth.	
	S. Croft	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	Treasurer of the Conservative Association Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults) • Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board • West Midlands Employers 	
	L. Cvetkovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	The Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee) Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Control Partnership Steering Group 	
	L. Downs	River Bars Limited; Coventry Plus Beyond the Plane	Member on the following Outside Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	K. Evans	Employed by the Local Government Association	Sponsorship: Election Expenses – North Warwickshire Conservative Association	

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			Membership of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitute Member of the West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee Member of the Bedworth Conservative Club Member of the Conservative Party.	
	C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council Membership of Other Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. • Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency • Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board • Warwickshire Housing and Support Partnership • Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel • George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board • George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors • District Leaders (substitute) • Local Enterprise Partnership (substitute) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee (substitute) 	
	M. Green	Employed by Horiba Mira – Calibration Technician	Chair of Education Standards Committee – St Thomas Moore School Executive Member – Nuneaton Conservatives. President – St Vincent De Paul Society at Our Lady of the Angels Church. Our Lady of the Angels Church. Member of the George Eliot Fellowship Member of the Nuneaton Education Strategy Board	

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			Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship Project for Children. 	
	J. Gutteridge		Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board • Age UK (Warwickshire Branch) • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground • West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board 	
			Member of NABCEL	
	B. Hammersley	County Councillor – W.C.C.	Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity 	
	S. Harbison	Self Employed	Member of Conservative and Unionist Party. Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astley Charity 	
	J. Hartshorn	Employed by Asda Nuneaton	Member of Nuneaton Conservatives	
	J. Kennaugh	County Councillor W.C.C. Employed by FedEx Express UK Ltd	Member of the W.C.C. Regulatory Committee Member of the Conservative Party Member of UNITE the Union Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQUiP 	
	K.A. Kondakor	Electronic and Embedded Software Design Engineer (self-employed)	Unpaid Director of 100% Renewables UK Ltd Green Party (E&W)	
	S. Markham	County Councillor – W.C.C.	Governor at Ash Green School Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum • Warwickshire Direct Partnership • Warwickshire Waste Partnership 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee 	
	G. Moreton	Member of School Appeals Panels at Warwickshire County Council	Share in rental dwellings at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresillian Road, Exhall. Member on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Committee 	
	B. Pandher		Member of Warwickshire County Council Treasurer & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural Group Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity 	
	N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	Member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nuneaton Labour CLP The Fabian Society The George Eliot Society The PCS Union Central Credit Union Stockingford Sports and Allotment Club Haunchwood Sports and Social Club 	
	J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local. Director of Wembrook Community Centre. Member of Labour Party	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
	T. Sheppard		Member of Unite Union Member of Labour Party	
	E. Shiers	Employed by and Director of Cannon Enterprise Ltd. Director of The Fresh Dessert Company	The Labour Party Coventry East Credit Union Member of the Pride in Camp Hill Board.	

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			<p>Member of the governing board for Camp Hill Primary School.</p> <p>Member of the Board of Trustees of Camp Hill Community Association.</p> <p>Volunteer for the Coventry and Warwickshire district RSPCA</p>	
	J. Singh			
	R. Smith		<p>Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club;</p> <p>Member of the following Outside Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Member Partnership; • PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside of London) Joint Committee; • Building Control Partnership Steering Group • Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre • West Midlands Combined Authority and Land Delivery Board 	
	M. Tromans	RTC Ltd, Nuneaton; WCC, Warwick	Nuneaton Acorns WI	
	R. Tromans	<p>Director of RTC Ltd, Nuneaton</p> <p>Compliance, GIM, Coventry</p> <p>Warwickshire County Councillor (Weddington)</p> <p>Share in a rental property in Hydes Pastures, Nuneaton</p>	<p>W.C.C Warwick</p> <p>Member of the Conservative Party</p> <p>Member of the Chartered Institute of Credit Management</p>	
	M. Walsh	Employed by Maclnnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager		

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	C.M. Watkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	Representative on the following outside bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) 	
	K.D. Wilson	Acting Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley & Bosworth Joint Committee • District Council Network • Local Government Association • Director of Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd (CWLEP) • West Midlands Combined Authority 	
	M. Wright			